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Dr. Jeff P. Koenings, Director
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Subject: Thank you for effective cooperation on animal damage management efforts

Dear Dr. Koenings:

Black bear spring damage to conifers and other animal damage on private forest lands continue to be an important issue for our industry. The "Depredation Permit Process" was developed 3 years ago to quickly respond to forest damage by wild animals. This new process is considered a great success by the Washington Forest Protection Association (WFPA). We want to thank your agency again for effective support and a wonderful attitude among your employees.

Our foresters received a quick response from your agency after they discovered damage. The frequency of the spring permit requests during 3 months certainly puts an extraordinary burden on a regulatory agency. The job was nevertheless well done.

Special compliments need to be passed on to the Chief of Enforcement, Bruce Bjork, who cooperatively built the framework for the process and took time to listen to our concerns; and also to Sean Carrell who efficiently executed the program.

Sean Carrell was again up to the challenge. We found him to be cooperative, effective, friendly and conscientious. His people skills were again excellent and we enjoyed working with him.

The process on individual permit needs is stressful on both sides and we may be able to improve an overall good thing for next year. Discussions with the Enforcement Division are anticipated.

Thank you for your valuable support of this innovative program.

Bill Wilkerson
Executive Director

Georg Ziegltrum
ADCP Supervisor

Cc: Bruce Bjork, Chief of Enforcement, WDFW
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